

**Town of Twisp
Council Minutes – 10/25/11
7:00 PM**

Mayor Ing-Moody called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Council Member present: Clint Estes, Mayor Pro-Tem
 Tom Gehring
 Bob Lloyd
 Hans Smith

Council Members absent: Traci Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Additions: None

Deletions: None

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes – 10/11/11
- Accounts Payable/Payroll.

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Town Council.

The following voucher/checks are approved for payment by a majority vote on this 25th day of October, 2011:

K I Fighting Concepts	Check # 28720	\$50.00	10/13/2011
Payroll	12998-13002	\$4,590.00	10/20/2011
Checks	28721-28746	\$46,378.96	10/25/2011
St of WA Dept of Revenue	EFT Trans # 2653	\$2,847.07	10/20/2011
USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2618	\$683.00	10/28/2011
USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans # 2619	\$354.00	10/28/2011
USDA Rural Development	EFT Trans #2620	\$317.00	10/28-2011

Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to approve the consent agenda and minutes from 10/11/11 as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith and passed. Council Member Estes abstained.

Public Comment Period

John Fleming discussed an on-going problem he and his neighbors have on Bridge Street. There is a nice beach and boat launching area behind his residence at 510 Bridge Street which he says the public is welcome to use, but he has concerns when rafters and fishermen with boats are causing dust, noise, and a volume of traffic considered to be unacceptable to Mr. Fleming and his neighbors. As a courtesy he is advising the Council that in the spring, they will be putting up some kind of barricade, probably large rocks, to allow for foot traffic but not vehicles. Mr. Fleming stated that he has had his property surveyed and his property connects to the mean high water mark of the river. He mentioned other locations he feels could be available to fishermen and rafters who want to launch crafts on the Methow River in the Town limits.

Amy Stork, Executive Director of TwispWorks, gave the monthly TwispWorks report to the Council. She reported that the Salmon Celebration was a success with over 200 people attending for the educational activities and potluck. Renovation of the Gateway building and economic development activities are in the forefront of plans for TwispWorks. They are investigating the potential formation of a 501c3 and will keep the Town apprised of that process.

Herb Rosenburg commented on revised draft Ordinance #634 - #4 and noted there are very few places in Twisp where a person with a bow and arrow or shot gun could shoot at a distance of no less than 500 feet at all times from any building, and/or roadway.

Mark Edson commented on revised draft Ordinance #636 and suggested that A. and B. could be better written to explain the thoughts behind those sections.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Ing-Moody reported on the following:

- She has been working on the 2012 budget with Clerk Moriarty, and consultant Toni Nelson. The third quarter financial report supplied by Ms. Nelson shows the Town on track with our 2011 budget figures. Mayor Ing-Moody will be working the next two weeks to complete a draft budget for the 11/08/11 council meeting and preliminary public hearing for the budget.
- She has formed a committee to study Town Hall's structural inadequacies. Council Member Smith, engineer Larry Zimmerlund, contractor Scott Jennings, and former city administrator Jason Paulsen make up the committee.

Staff Reports

Written staff reports were submitted and placed in the Council packets for review. Mayor Ing-Moody asked Council if they had any questions regarding the reports submitted by the Department Heads;

Superintendent Moss reported that the diffuser project is complete and successful in its task to better place the diffusers in the Methow River. The planned electrical power outage of 10/21/11 didn't cause any

problems for Town utilities. The water source sample from Well #3 as required by Washington State Department of Health was well within the perimeters of the guidelines. Winter maintenance projects are on-going.

Commission/Board Reports

Council Member Smith reported on the last Methow Watershed Council meeting. The allocation of FY2012 funds for Phase IV Grant has been approved by the Watershed Council. The Council approved the newest MOA, which better describes the role and responsibilities of the Town as lead agency, and more clearly stated our responsibility to manage grants and propose how much of each grant should be set aside for administrative functions. The Methow Watershed Council realizes how closely tied the rule revision and organizational development sub-committee are linked and the two committees will need to work hand in hand in the next phase of Council development.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported for Council Member Day, liaison for the Planning Commission. Council Member Day walked the proposed trail system with Recreation Conservation Office Director Karl Jacobs and he is excited about our project. Grant Administrator Aimee Grant is reviewing the procedures to properly administer the grant.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports submitted.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Methow Recycles Expansion

Betsy Cushman, director of Methow Recycles explained the proposed expansion of Methow Recycles at their present location which abuts Town property at the wastewater treatment plant. They now lease the majority of their property from Okanogan County and use a small piece of property from the Town where the glass crusher is located. They would like to expand further onto Town property so their household recycle drop-off location could be moved away from the processing building and allow for a safer one way traffic pattern.

Mayor Ing-Moody reported for Council Member Day, liaison for the Planning Commission, that the Town parcel is zoned Public Use and the Zoning Ordinance District Use chart allows recycle drop-off in Public Use zones. As long as the expansion is only for the drop-off portion then no rezone would be necessary. In addition, the expansion area cannot be for glass drop-off due to noise ordinances. Ms. Cushman had already met with the Planning Commission and the Commission had voiced concerns about noise control and the need for Type V solid screening on the north side of the parcel to protect a platted residential subdivision. They also discussed future trail plans and ingress/egress from Riverside Avenue to Twisp Airport Road.

Superintendent Moss noted in a memo to Council that a main trunk sewer line dissects the property and a water main travels through the property both which will need to be protected with easements for repair and maintenance. He feels the westerly portion of the parcel should be retained for a future public works shop and central compound. He also recommended that access to Methow Recycles continue to be off of Twisp Airport Road and not rerouted via Burton Street and Riverside Avenue as this would cause congestion to a residential neighborhood.

Ms. Cushman noted that they have mitigation plans for the glass drop-off and glass crushing noise issue. She appreciated the input from the Council and the Commission. For the purposes of grant funding and long-term planning, the Methow Recycle Board would like a long term lease agreement if the Town and the Center can work through all the issues mentioned tonight.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to direct the Planning Commission to work with Methow Recycles to pursue an expansion of operations as stipulated in Superintendent Moss' report to Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Ordinance #634 – Firearms/Weapons in Town Limits

The Council discussed revised Ordinance #634 and addressed the comments Mr. Edson made during the public comment period. Council Member Smith requested that the wording in Section 4 be changed to “A person who has obtained a valid and current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife depredation license, follows all the rules and regulations set forth by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, notifies the Town of Twisp’s Police Department in advance, and uses only a Bow and Arrow, or Shot Gun with Shot ONLY at a distance of no less than 500 feet at all times from any building, and / or roadway which must be maintained for public safety purposes.”

Council Members Estes and Lloyd agree with Mr. Rosenberg and do not see where Section 4 of Ordinance #634 serves a purpose given the size of the area needed to be able to safely discharge a bow or a shotgun in Twisp. Council Member Gehring again stated that he feels no weapons should be discharged in the Twisp town limits.

A decision on Ordinance #634 was tabled until the 11/08/11 meeting.

Action: Council Member Estes will discuss depredation procedures with Fish and Wildlife Department Official Cal Treser and will review hunting laws of other towns and cities.

Ordinance #636 – Hunting and Trapping in Town Limits

The Council discussed revised Ordinance #636 and addressed the comments of Mr. Rosenberg during the public comment period. Council Member Smith requested that the wording in D. be changed to “A person who has obtained a valid and current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife depredation license, follows all the rules and regulations set forth by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, notifies the Town of Twisp’s Police Department in advance, and uses only a Bow and Arrow, or Shot Gun with Shot ONLY at a distance of no less than 500 feet at all times from any building, and / or roadway which must be maintained for public safety purposes.”

Council Members Estes and Lloyd agree with Mr. Rosenberg and do not see where D. of Ordinance #636 serve a purpose given the size of the area needed to be able to safely discharge a bow or a shotgun in Twisp.

A decision on Ordinance #636 was tabled until the 11/08/11 meeting.

Methow Valley Community Center – Library Space Rent Increase

The Town contracts with Methow Valley Community Center for rental space for the town library and North Central Regional Library partially reimburse the Town for the library's rental space. Clerk Moriarty corrected, with North Central Regional Library, the actual square footage of rental space that the library now uses. An increase was offered by North Central Regional Library to additionally pay for the corrected square footage. Due to this change, the Town is scheduled to receive an increase in reimbursement from North Central Regional Library for 2012 per our contract with them. The Town's portion of the rent will drop from \$3,585 to \$3,420 in 2012 due to these changes.

Motion:

Council Member Lloyd moved to accept the library space rent increase with Methow Valley Community Center. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Aspect Consulting – Contract Amendment

Aspect Consulting worked with the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council on previous Methow Watershed Council projects. The competitive bid process and procurement procedures had been followed in hiring Aspect Consulting for this new phase.

Motion:

Council Member Smith moved to accept the contract amendment for Aspect Consulting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gehring and passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council

The Memorandum clearly states the roles and responsibilities for both the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council. The Town, being the Lead Agency, has the authority to propose how administrative funds are allocated.

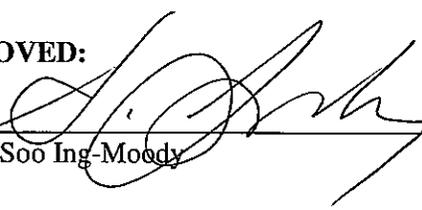
Motion:

Council Member Gehring moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Twisp and the Methow Watershed Council as stated. The motion was seconded by Council Member Estes and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

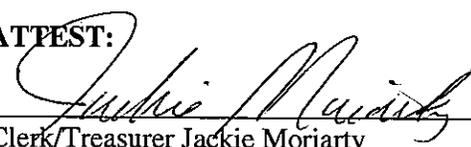
There being no further business to come before the Council; Mayor Ing-Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

APPROVED:



Mayor Soo Ing-Moody

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer Jackie Moriarty